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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Plague increasing.

MANILA, P. I., April 4, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor hereby to report that plague is slowly increasing in Manila, and during the next two months I think there will be a much larger number of cases. During the week ended March 31 there were 17 cases with 14 deaths.

I have received no further report about cases occurring in Cavite.

It has been rumored that a few cases of plague have also occurred in Iloilo, but I have been unable so far to verify this statement.

During the same period 1 case of smallpox was reported in Manila. Relative to the latter disease, it is of mild form and the cases much fewer than in the preceding year. The epidemic in the islands is subsiding, and with the extensive vaccination that is being done the danger from this disease will be much diminished.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Vessels inspected.*

MANILA, P. I., April 4, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit report of transactions at this port for the month of March, 1900, as follows:

Bills of health issued.—To foreign ports, 44; to domestic ports, 258; total number issued, 302.

Number of vessels inspected.—From foreign ports, 58; from domestic ports, 231; total number inspected, 289. Total number crew inspected, 9,501; total number of passengers inspected, 7,482; total number crew vaccinated, 2,703; total number of passengers vaccinated, 43.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Mortality during March, 1900.*

MANILA, P. I., April 13, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor hereby to submit for your information statistics of the total number of deaths occurring in Manila, Philippine Islands, during the month of March, 1900, as follows: Bubonic plague (Chinese), 34; bubonic plague (Philippines), 10; smallpox, 1; measles, 1; typhoid fever, 5; tuberculosis, 125; influenza, 10; dysentery, 34; anthrax, 1; leprosy, 3; beriberi, 38; tetanus, 11; cancer, 1; pernicious malarial fever, 14; malarial fever, 26; diseases of the respiratory system, 76; diseases of the circulatory system, 41; diseases of the digestive apparatus, 115; diseases of the urinary apparatus, 7; diseases of the cerebro-spinal system, 236; Chinese, causes not reported, 32; from other causes, 60. Total deaths from all causes, 881.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.